
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**November 22, 2011
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori
Sherwood, Arnie

Metro
System Metrics

SCAG

Gutierrez, Pablo
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Brady, Mike
Cacatian, Ben
Crow, Jason
Byrne, Dana
Higgins, Kathryn
Kennedy, Eileen
Loomis, Mychal
Marquez, Jose
O'Connor, Karina
Odufalu, Olufemi
Yoon, Andrew

Caltrans Headquarters
VCAPCD
ARB
Pan Environmental
SCAQMD
Caltrans, District 12
Kimley-Horn and Associates
Caltrans, District 11
U.S. EPA, Region 9
Caltrans, District 8
Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Lori Abrishami, Metro, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG October 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes

This item was removed from the agenda at the meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) RIV091208

It was determined that this is not a POAQC
(FHWA concurrence was received via email on November 23, 2011)

4.2 FTIP Update

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Amendment #12 was approved last week.
- Amendment #18 was under analysis by SCAG staff.
- The deadline for 2013 FTIP submittals to SCAG is January 4, 2012.
- 2011 FTIP Administrative Modification #11-17 was expected to be approved by Caltrans this week.

4.3 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Ryan Kuo, SCAG:

- On November 3, SCAG joint Policy Committees approved staff proposed alternative for the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS and recommended that Regional Council (RC) release the draft at its meeting on December 1 for public review and comment.
- SCAG staff expected to complete all 2012 RTP/SCS documents and ask RC to release the draft for public review and comment at its meeting on December 1.

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- SCAG staff would like to thanks all partners who have been working so hard alongside SCAG staff throughout the past few years and looks forward to continuing collaboration with all partners towards finalizing the RTP document with the target date of April 5, 2012 for adoption.

4.4 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA published the partial approval and partial disapproval of South Coast PM2.5 Plan in Federal Register on November 9. The rule is effective on January 9, 2012. This notice finalized the approval of PM2.5 transportation conformity budgets and attainment demonstration. The conformity budgets need to be used in the next transportation conformity determinations. This notice also finalized disapproval of the Contingency Measure Provisions. Because the attainment demonstrations and the conformity budgets were approved, EPA also issued a protective finding with this disapproval. Under a protective finding, the disapproval of the Contingency Measures will not result in a transportation conformity freeze; however, the disapproval does trigger the 18 month offset sanction and the highway funding sanctions will apply in the area six months after the offset sanction is imposed (January 9, 2014). EPA is committed to working with the SCAQMD to resolve the issues.
- Emission offset and highway funding sanctions will be imposed in Imperial County in February and August of 2012, respectively, triggered by the disapproval of portion of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District's (ICAPCD) PM10 Plan..

In response to a question, Ms. O'Connor stated that the ICAPCD will have to develop a revised rule and the revised rule also needs to be approved by EPA in order to stop the sanctions.

4.5 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- FHWA held a conference call with all the MPOs in the State to review the planning assumptions including vehicle age and fleet mix data embedded in EMFAC2011-SG. FHWA set the transition period for EMFAC2011-SG to end December 31, 2012 and thus will approve conformity determinations made with EMFAC2007 up through December 31, 2012.

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4.6 Air Districts Update

Kathryn Higgins, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- The November 17 AQMP Advisory Group meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled on December 15.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Mike Brady, Caltrans, announced the following:

- CalEEMod Training Class had been scheduled for December 7 in Sacramento.
- Caltrans expected to hold a state-wide consultation conference call on the transition to EMFAC2011-SG for project-level conformity and he would send out a Doodle survey on the meeting date and time.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on January 24, 2012 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.